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8 August 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 8 August 1966

DD/I reported that a memorandum for the President on Soviet attitudes toward the United States was sent to the White House on 6 August. The memorandum notes that there is no evidence of a hardening in Soviet attitudes toward the U. S. Although their actions reflect concern over the Vietnamese situation, the Soviets want to continue to do business with the U. S. DD/I commented on the recent Soviet note to the U. S. regarding the straffing of a Soviet merchant ship in North Vietnamese waters. According to pilot reports, U. S. aircraft were not in the vicinity of the ship on the day of the reported attack. No evidence could be found to substantiate the Soviet allegations.

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DD/I reported that the weekly status report of Task Force [ ] notes that a Soviet ship, Milerova, is en route to Haiphong with a deck cargo of MIG aircraft. It is likely, however, that the ship will unload this cargo in Cambodia before going on to Haiphong. DD/I noted that the paper for Ambassador Johnson on the disclosure of certain classified material had been prepared and telephonic concurrence had been acquired. The paper is now ready to be sent to Ambassador Johnson. DD/I commented on the favorable initial results of the recent [ ] mission.

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Godfrey reported that it had been a bad weekend for U. S. aircraft over North Vietnam; eleven aircraft were lost. Although a number of SAM's were fired at the aircraft, it appears that all but one were lost to conventional ground fire.

Godfrey commented on the situation in the [ ] noting that the [ ] have been reported active in the north-eastern area. It could be that they have decided to exploit the current difficulties there.

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25X1 [ ] reported that General Carroll has requested that an  
25X1 NIE [ ] be done in the fourth quarter of this year. He noted that  
the scheduled Cuban estimate would be canceled to accommodate  
General Carroll's request.

25X1 [ ] reported that no Estimates will be considered by  
USIB this week. He observed that the coordination process on  
25X1 NIE 11-10, "Warning of Soviet Intention to Attack," is going slowly.  
The Director instructed [ ] to arrange with [ ] to 25X1  
cancel the USIB meeting for this week.

25X1 [ ] reported that he will brief General Carter on [ ] 25X1  
25X1 today. He noted that [ ] has not yet received final approval  
because the cost estimates are somewhat higher than those desired by  
25X1 NRO. [ ] recommended that this matter should be brought up at  
the next NRO Executive Committee meeting; the Director agreed.

The Director instructed [ ] to discuss The Codebreakers 25X1  
25X1 with General Carter so that the Director can respond to [ ]  
[ ] correspondence on this book. 25X1

DD/S noted that there is nothing new to report on the [ ]. 25X1

25X1 [ ] observed that Chester Bowles is now in Saigon. He also  
noted that Ambassador Lodge has sent a cable describing his concern  
over the behavior of U. S. troops in Saigon and the housing situation as  
it relates to the U. S. AID mission.

Carver reported that a recent outgoing cable from the White House  
was based on a memorandum prepared by [ ] [ ] Bob 25X1  
Komer has requested a memorandum from [ ] on land reform in  
South Vietnam.

25X1 [ ] reported that the board will meet this morning on the [ ] 25X1  
case. He reported that the Agency's legislative package is to go before  
the full House Armed Services Committee today. He also reported that  
the Russell committee is not yet prepared to meet with the Director on  
the Agency's FY 67 budget.

Executive Director suggested that Congressman Bates should be  
invited to the Agency for a briefing. The Director instructed [ ] 25X1  
to extend an invitation.

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25X1 [ ] reported that the briefings on requirements for Henry Rowen of the BOB are continuing. The Director urged [ ] to see to it that action is taken quickly on the memoranda which will be sent to the Directorates requesting responses to the queries of the PFIAB.

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The Director noted that he will get in touch with [ ] today concerning a review of Agency financial procedures.

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The Director reported on the outcome of last week's 303 Committee Meeting.

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